



# MEDIA RELEASE

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## DISCIPLINARY ACTION REPORT

EDITORS: Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-114 requires the Department of Health to issue a monthly press release listing all disciplinary actions taken by the health related boards during the prior month. Below is a list of actions taken during the month of December 2003.

*Detailed information about disciplinary actions is available on our web site at [www.tennessee.gov/health](http://www.tennessee.gov/health). Click on "License Verification" and enter the name of the person. When the license information comes up, click on "disciplinary action" and then "view board order."*

### **Board of Medical Examiners**

Licensee: Warren Osborne, MD, Knoxville  
Violation: Respondent suffers from physical and health problems related to having suffered a stroke; his ability to engage in the practice of medicine competently and safely is impaired due to his current health conditions.  
Action: License must be surrendered immediately; DEA certificate shall be surrendered to DEA immediately; must petition the Board if he desires to reinstate his license.

Licensee: Donley D. Siddall, M.D., Collegedale  
Violation: Respondent arrested by undercover police officer for selling a prescription for Phentermine for a fictitious patient from his vehicle; search of Respondent's vehicle revealed 3,500 pills in unmarked bottles and \$4,000.00 in cash; Respondent failed to following recognized protocol for prescribing controlled substances; Respondent failed to establish satisfactory medical continuity of care with his patients.  
Action: Revocation of license; \$6,000 in civil penalties; court costs.

Licensee: Ronald Toolsie, MD, Chattanooga  
Violation: Listed manner of death on a death certificate as "suicide" even though a toxicology report was still pending; and, has failed to change the cause on the certificate after the toxicology report indicated, and Dr. Toolsie admitted, the death did not result from an "acute methadone overdose" but probably from "natural causes."  
Action: Letter of Reprimand

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425 FIFTH AVENUE NORTH  
NASHVILLE, TN 37247  
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### **Board of Medical Examiners (CONT.)**

Licensee: Elayne Cornelius, Medical X-Ray Operator, Coldwater, MS  
Violation: Practicing outside the scope of her limited Tennessee x-ray operator certificate.  
Action: Letter of Reprimand

Licensee: Rhonda W. Thompson, Medical X-Ray Operator, Collierville  
Violation: Practicing without certification to do so.  
Action: Letter of Reprimand

### **Board of Nursing**

Licensee: Joyce J. Allen, LPN, Cookeville  
Violation: Non-compliance with Agreed Order  
Action: License Revoked

Licensee: Michelle R. Allison, RN, South Pittsburg  
Violation: Unauthorized use or removal of narcotics or drugs from a health care facility.  
Action: License Revoked

Licensee: Kristie R. Armes, LPN, Harriman  
Violation: Non-compliance with Agreed Order of Probation  
Action: License revoked

Licensee: Cynthia L. Compton, RN, Bartlett  
Violation: Agreed Order of Surrender of License with Mississippi Board, based on engaging in unprofessional conduct and practicing beyond the scope of her licensure.  
Action: License suspended until reinstated in Mississippi, with proof of lifting of suspension submitted to the Board of Nursing; must pay costs associated with this matter.

Licensee: Jean M. Dunn, RN, Mountain City  
Violation: Pled guilty to simple possession of a schedule VI drug, possession of drug paraphernalia, and attempting to hinder a secured creditor, all Class-A Misdemeanors, in Johnson County, TN  
Action: License suspended; must pay costs assessed in this matter; may be placed on probation if after an evaluation and assessment, she is advised to enter a contract with TPAP; suspension may be lifted if treatment is not recommended

Licensee: Tammy P. Herron, RN, Ripley  
Violation: Pled guilty to Theft Under \$500 in Lauderdale County, TN  
Action: Assessed 1 Type-C Civil Penalty in the amount of \$500. Must provide Board of Nursing with proof she has successfully completed the terms of her probation in Lauderdale County, and paid any and all costs and fines associated with that judgment.

Licensee: Barbara Luty, RN, Newport  
Violation: Negligence of a hospitalized patient and unprofessional conduct  
Action: License revoked by Agreed Order

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## **Board of Nursing (CONT.)**

Licensee: Kevin T. Shaughnessy, RN, Powell  
Violation: Unprofessional conduct; making false or incorrect entries in patient records, pertaining to obtaining, possessing or administration of controlled substances at a health care facility.  
Action: License suspended until he undergoes an evaluation recommended by TPAP and submits proof to the Board of Nursing that he is fit to practice Nursing; must enter into a contract with TPAP if it is indicated in the evaluation; if and when suspension is lifted, license will be placed on probation concurrently with TPAP contract; shall obtain CEU's in nursing ethics and documentation to equal one (1) college credit hour; ordered to pay all costs associated with this action.

Licensee: Marilyn D. Smith, RN, Chattanooga  
Violation: Physical and/or mental health is not in compliance with the standards of nursing competence for a Registered Nurse  
Action: License Revoked by Agreed Order

Licensee: Debra D. Woods, RN, Madison  
Violation: Failure to maintain appropriate patient records; making false or materially incorrect or inconsistent entries in patient records; failure to report to the Board of Nursing that her Illinois license had been placed on probation for one (1) year for diverting Demerol for personal use.  
Action: License suspended until she completes any inpatient treatment recommended by a treatment center or evaluation; must enter into a contract with TPAP and when suspension is lifted, license will be placed on probation concurrently with the contract; assessed 8 Type-B Civil Penalties totaling \$6,000, and 1 Type-C Civil Penalty of \$500, totaling \$6,500; ordered to pay costs associated with this matter.

Licensee: Rhonda L. Woods, RN, Tullahoma  
Violation: Is unfit or incompetent by her own statement; use of illegal narcotics or dangerous drugs while on duty; failing to take appropriate action in safeguarding the patient from incompetent health care practices.  
Action: License suspended until such time as she receives and presents to the Board of Nursing documentation from Dr. Atalla and Dr. Bernard that she is physically able and mentally competent to return to work; assessed 1 Type-A Civil Penalty in the amount of \$500, which must be paid before the suspension may be lifted.

Licensee: Teresa Wyatt, RN,  
Violation: Negligence; unprofessional conduct; making false and inconsistent entries in patient records pertaining to obtaining, possessing or administration of controlled substances  
Action: License revoked; may apply for a new license after 1 year

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### **Board of Nursing (Cont.)**

Licensee: Mary Sharlene Yopp, LPN, Henderson  
Violation: Pled guilty of simple possession of a schedule IV drug, simple possession, and driving under the influence on or about October 16, 2002 in Chester County, TN. Was convicted of DUI on or about May 2003, and placed on probation until June 2004.  
Action: License placed on probation; shall enter into a contract with TPAP, with probation running concurrently with contract; assessed three (3) Type C Civil Penalties in the amount of \$500 each, totaling \$1,500, which shall be paid within one (1) year from December 30, 2003.

### **Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners**

Licensee: Charles O. Beauchamp, DVM, Franklin  
Violation: Practiced on an expired license; practiced in a facility without a premises permit  
Action: License placed on 3-years probation; must pay \$4,050 in Civil Penalties; Must pay costs associated with this matter; must appear before the Board in December 2006 to request lifting of probation.

Licensee: John C. Donaldson, DVM, Celina  
Violation: Practiced in a facility without a premises permit  
Action: Assessed Civil Penalties totaling \$900, which must be paid within 30 days after 12/12/03.

Licensee: Basil A. Jones, DVM, Blountville  
Violation: Operation of a veterinary facility without a premises permit  
Action: Letter of Reprimand.

### **December 2003 Abuse Registry Placements**

Individual: Brenda Balogun, CNA, Centerville, OH  
Violation: Physical Abuse while working in licensed or certified facility  
Action: CNA Certification Revoked  
Placed on State Abuse Registry

Individual: Yolanda Walden, CNA, Nashville  
Violation: Physical Abuse/Neglect while working in a licensed or certified facility  
Action: CNA Certification Revoked  
Placed on State Abuse Registry

Individual: Shiloah Keener, CNA, Pikeville  
Violation: Physical Abuse while working in a licensed or certified facility  
Action: CNA Certification Revoked  
Placed on State Abuse Registry